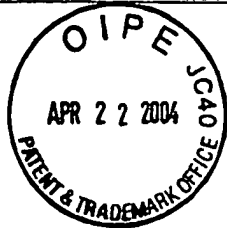


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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action that the Examiner issued on March 24, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. This communication is being faxed to the Examiner's attention at 703-746-4000.

Claims 1-25, 27 and 31-36, along with any rejoined portions of claims 28-30, are pending in the case. Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the enclosed Remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.